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Marine

Admission into the Madras Harbour.

*372 Q.—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the public of Madras are not allowed to have access to the Madras Harbour and that entry to the harbour is restricted by passports;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such restrictions;

(c) whether it is a fact that such restrictions do not obtain either in Bombay or Karachi ports;

(d) if so, why such restrictions should be enforced in Madras;

(e) whether it is a fact that one police station is entirely devoted to the Madras Port Trust; and

(f) whether the Government will consider the desirability of giving free access to the citizens of Madras into the harbour as in the case of the Bombay and Karachi ports?

A.—(a) A copy of by-law No. 2[a] made by the Madras Port Trust and approved by Government is laid on the table.

(b) & (d) The by-law has been framed for the following purposes, laid down in section 95 of the Madras Port Trust Act, 1905:—

(1) For the safe and convenient use of the docks, wharves, quays, jetties, sheds, warehouses, railways, tramways and other works constructed by the Board or vested in the Board under this Act;

(2) for the use of the public landing places constructed by or vested in the Board;

(3) for the exclusion from the premises of disorderly or other undesirable persons and of trespassers; and

(4) generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(c) The Government have no information.

(e) One police station is entirely devoted to the work of the Madras harbour.

(f) The Government do not consider it desirable to alter the existing regulations.

Central Record Office

Change of the designation of the Assistant Superintendent of the Record Office as 'Manager'.

*373 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when and why the post of the Superintendent of the Madras Record Office was abolished;

(b) why the post of Assistant Superintendent of the Record Office was continued under the same designation; and

(c) whether the Government contemplate changing the designation of the Assistant Superintendent of the Record Office into one of "Manager" of the Record Office on the same scale of pay?

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a Printed as Appendix III on page 112 infra.

A.—(*a*) The post of Superintendent, Madras Record Office, was abolished with effect from 27th August 1925 as there was no necessity to continue the post.

(*b*) Government have decided to change the designation to 'Senior Assistant".

(*c*) No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, after the abolition of the post of Superintendent of the Record Office, who has been discharging the duties hitherto done by him ?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"I think it was after Mr. Dodwell relinquished his post, that the Superintendent was for a short time in charge of the routine duties but it was recognized that that was not a quite suitable arrangement and the services of Mr. Sekhara Menon, a more senior officer, who had, I think, just retired, were secured for some time. After some other vicissitudes, the post of Curator was restored and it is filled by the present incumbent."

Corporation of Madras

Permission to Mr. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar for holding both the offices of the Commissioner of Religious Endowments and that of a Municipal Councillor.

*374 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact of Mr P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar, a Commissioner of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, being a municipal councillor ;

(*b*) whether he proposes to continue the 'permission' granted to him to hold both the offices ; and

(*c*) if so, on what grounds ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government permitted M.R.Ry. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar to stand for election to the Madras Corporation, in August 1928 as in their opinion he could serve as a Councillor if elected without prejudice to his duties as Commissioner of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"May I know whether the President of the Religious Endowments Board reported that Mr. Nataraja Mudaliyar can be a municipal councillor without prejudice to his duties as a Commissioner ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The hon. Member is correct in his presumption."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"I did not hear the question properly, Sir. (After a pause.) May I know specifically what are the reasons which helped Government to come to the opinion that a paid officer of the Government can also be a Councillor of the Madras Corporation ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"For the simple reason that his being a Councillor of the Corporation of Madras did not in any way interfere with his duties as Commissioner of Religious Endowments Board."